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Representative Kevin Brady, Chair and Representative Mike Thompson, Vice Chair

A one-year extension of the PTC would cost American taxpayers over \$12 billion. Let the PTC Expire!

Is the government going to continue to indirectly and directly subsidize the wind industry --isn't it about time we let the marketplace determine value.

I see Social Security, Medicare, other social programs, and the National Park System etc. being looked at to cut or in some cases eliminated yet, we continue to subsidize the wind industry, why?

When the PTC expires, a wind project built in 2013 will still be getting subsidies until 2023 and according to the joint Committee on Taxation will add \$6.8 billion to the deficit between the years of 2011-2015. We're over 16 Trillion in debt now -- ***do we really want to saddle or children and grandchildren with more debt just to prop up a private industry.***

Presidents' of both parties have supported "green energy sources". However, they didn't do the homework to look at the costs both in dollars & cents, but also the ***costs to the environment*** in bat and eagle/bird kills. Because wind is intermittent these projects ***negatively impacts America's efficient sources of power.*** Because the tax subsidy is tied to the amount of electricity generated, wind producers will sometimes sell their electricity for nothing in order to collect the tax subsidy.

Costs to consumers: It distorts the energy markets. In Ontario Canada (heavily into wind projects) the price to consumers of electric power has risen, European countries have seen the same thing.

As a member of the Nature Conservancy, National Parks Conservation Assoc., Audubon Society, former member of Sierra Club, World/National Wildlife Federation and Wilderness Society – and a "greenie" before it became 'trendy' --- ***Please allow the PTC to Expire!!!***

Thank you for your consideration and do the right thing for American taxpayer & the environment

Respectfully,

Betty Gebhardt

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